
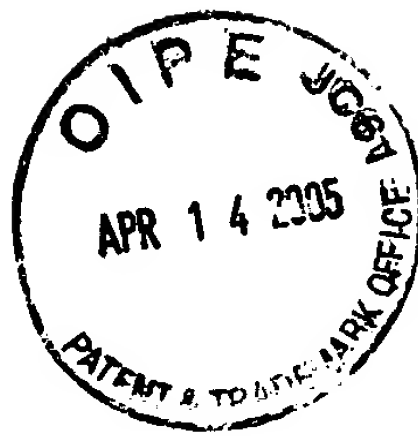


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Invention: <b>SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING PROTECTIVE LAYER ON FIELD OXIDE</b>						
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In response to the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated February 15, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.